## **REMARKS**

This First Preliminary Amendment is provided to place the claims in a format believed to be acceptable to the U.S. Patent Examiner. None of the amendments made is intended to be, nor shall properly be construed as, a narrowing of the present invention.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' position, the Examiner is invited to contact the below named attorney at (303) 863-9700.

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